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LETTER DATED 27 JULY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 10 to 22 July 1994.

10 July 1994

Northern region: 15 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by two- and three-aircraft formations, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

11 July 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Nasiriyah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Artawi, Busayyah and Salman.

12 July 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Shaqlawah.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Busayyah, Ushbayjah and Jalibah.

13 July 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by two- and three-aircraft formations, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 26 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah, Salman and Qurnah.

14 July 1994

Southern region: 41 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah and the area to the south of Najaf.

At 1215 hours, a TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres was detected over the Jabal Sanam area. It disappeared at 1520 hours over the Hafr al-Batin area in the direction of Saudi airspace.

15 July 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Busayyah, Shatrah, Salman, Jalibah and Ushbayjah.

At 1425 hours a hostile aircraft dropped 10 heat flares to the south of the Qush area in Ninawa Governorate.

16 July 1994

Northern region: 18 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by two- and three-aircraft formations, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk and Zakho.

17 July 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 26 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Busayyah and Jalibah.

18 July 1994

(a) Northern region: 27 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations,

centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho, Aqrah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah, Salman, Ushbayjah and Chabaish.

19 July 1994

Southern region: 42 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah, Salman, Qurnah and Ushbayjah.

At 1440 hours, a TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft was detected over the area to the south of Najaf, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Samawah and Hamzah. It disappeared at 1520 hours south of the Salman area in the direction of Saudi airspace.

20 July 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Nasiriyah, Salman, Jalibah, Samawah, Artawi and Busayyah.

22 July 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by two- and three-aircraft formations, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Shaqlawah.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes by single aircraft and two-aircraft formations, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Busayyah, Salman, Jalibah and Chabaish.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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